



Newsletter

Thursday April 17, 2025

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Message from the Principal

Dear Lord Byng Parents and Families,

Happy Holidays to all of you!

Wishing you all the very best for the season and the long weekend.

Mr. Wilmann

APRIL 2025

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School News

Recent Highlights Included:

- The Byng Choir Team and the Byng Drama Team Celebrate Are Recognized for their outstanding accomplishments
- Rick Hansen Shares His Story of Overcoming Adversity with Byng Staff and Students
- Staff and Students Share Paddle Teachings led by Musqueam Elder Martin Sparrow

What an incredible way to start the Spring Term with both our Choir and Drama Department receiving awards for their accomplishments!!!

Here is a quick update on both:

After a recent choir field trip to Europe the Lord Byng Choir Team brought back the top award from a prestigious international choral competition hosted in the Spanish city of Masserat.

On Friday film crews from CTV were at the school to hear about this success and to experience a small taste of the incredible singing talent of the Lord Byng Choral Team.

The Byng Team began this exciting adventure just over a week ago when they set off to Spain for a whirlwind tour of the country. While in Spain they visited and sang in multiple locations culminating in their participation in the World Choral Competition representing our school and representing our nation, Canada.

This accomplishment represents years of developing the Byng Choir Program by our Choir Director Ms. Lisa Lan. Ms. Lan began her career at Byng as a student and was an early participant in the Byng Arts Program and later returned as a teacher to begin the choir program at our school. Having began the program with just 17 students the program continued to grow and flourish providing a rich learning opportunity for hundreds of our students each year. This year's accomplishment stands out as just one example of the amazing talent that our students can showcase because of the rich music program at the school.



Great work Ms. Lan, we deeply value what you have done to provide such an amazing opportunity for so many of our students each and every year!!!

While the Choral Team brought back their award from Spain the Drama Department was also recognized for another prestigious award.

Here is just a quick update on this success:

We are very proud and grateful to announce that Lord Byng Theatre Company won the Outstanding School Production Award for "Mamma Mia", at the Canadian Youth Theatre Awards. We were nominated for five other awards, including Outstanding Lead Performance, Outstanding Supporting Performance, Outstanding Ensemble, and Outstanding Creative Team. Our creative team on "Mamma Mia" included Matthew Thiessen/Nick Booker as Directors, Darren Hales as set, lighting, and sound design, Dawn Ewen as Choreographer, Sarah Higginson as Musical Director. As well, Darren Hales won the Outstanding Mentor Award.



Wow what an incredible accomplishment for our school thank you Matt and your team for the outstanding work that you do at our school!!!

Rick Hansen Provides Inspiration and Hope for Students and Staff



Canadian athlete and inspirational leader Mr. Rick Hansen presented to students on Friday during an assembly for students and staff. The event was organized by Mr. Kevin Sandher and members of the PE Department and the event was made possible through a member of the Byng parent community connecting the school directly to the Rick Hansen through the Rick Hansen Foundation.

During the presentation Rick gave students a history of his early life growing up in Williams Lake British Columbia and described in detail the events that led up to the horrific accident that left him paralyzed. He explained that overcoming this was the greatest challenge of his life and as a result sent him on a completely different journey of life.



Figure 1 Rick Hansen inspires both staff and students with his incredible life story that has contributed so much to changing the limitations and stereotypes of people living with disabilities.

Paddle Teachings with Musqueam Knowledge Keepers

Staff and students joined Musqueam Elder Martin Sparrow and his daughter Caitlyn Sparrow to learn about paddle teachings and the history of the Musqueam nation in a hands-on paddle workshop hosted at the school. During the workshop traditional foods were prepared and staff and students had an opportunity to learn about the rich culture of the Musqueam people.

Once completed the paddles will be mounted in the main hallway as a symbolic act of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples as the school starts the second century of teaching and learning on the ancestral lands of the Musqueam People.



Figure 2 Staff, students and community members listen to Musqueam Knowledge Keeper Mr. Martin Sparrow.



Figure 3 Caitlyn Sparrow works alongside Mr. Richardson during the Paddle Workshop

Lord Byng 100 Years Celebration – Saturday May 10th, 2025 – Update

Did you know that Lord Byng Secondary School is turning 100 years old? The event will be on Saturday, May 10th so save the date.

Here is the website for the 100 Year Celebration.

Please visit <https://www.byng100.ca/> for more details.

Request for Donations – *Lord Byng 100th Anniversary Celebration*

Opening Breakfast

May 10, 2025

Dear Lord Byng Families,

As we prepare to celebrate our school's 100th Anniversary, the PAC (parents advisory council) is planning a special Breakfast Celebration for alumni, students, staff, and families who attend — and we would love your help!

We are seeking donations in kind to support this event, such as:

- Grocery store gift cards (e.g., Costco, Superstore, No Frills)
- Home-baked or store-bought items like doughnuts, croissants, muffins, sliced loaves, squares, or other baked goods

Your generosity will help make this once-in-a-lifetime, milestone event a warm and memorable one for our whole school community. It will create a wonderful welcoming and meaningful beginning, to the entire day of celebrations!

If you're able to contribute, please contact Fiona Shaw at +1 (604) 315-8394.

We truly appreciate your support!

Kind regards,

Jacqueline Crummey
Lord Byng PAC Co-Chair

Yearbook Last Chance to Purchase!

Please click [HERE](#) to purchase your school yearbook.

Not Returning to Lord Byng 2025-2026

If you are not planning to return to Lord Byng next year, please complete the required form and return to the office. Please click [here](#).

Collaboration Dates and Schedule

Collaboration Dates	
Sept. 18 • Oct. 16 • Nov. 13 • Jan. 15 • Feb. 19 • Apr. 16 • May 14 • Jun. 18	
Block 1 (Students Start)	10:00 - 10:40
Break	10:40 - 10:50
Block 2	10:50 - 11:30
Lunch	11:30 - 12:15
Block 3	12:15 - 1:35
Break	1:35 - 1:40
Block 4	1:40 - 3:00

School Cash Online

Please pay all school fees via School Cash Online. <https://vsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

LBSO Concert – Thursday April 17th 6:30pm



The Lord Byng Symphony Orchestra (LBSO) is a distinguished ensemble comprising talented high school musicians who perform at an advanced level. They are renowned for their diverse repertoire, spanning classical to contemporary works, and for providing senior students with the unique opportunity to showcase their skills through solos accompanied by the full orchestra.

The upcoming concert on Thursday April 17, 2025, at 6:30 PM in the Lord Byng Secondary School Auditorium (3939 West 16th Avenue, Vancouver, BC) will feature solos by Aaron Kang, Eric Liu, and Jerry Liu. This event promises an evening of exceptional musical talent and is highly anticipated by the community.

Tickets for LBSO concerts are typically available at the door by cash or on School Cash. We look forward to performing for you on April 17th!

School Service Hours

School Service hour forms are due on Wednesday, May 14th in the school office. Please fill out page 31 of the school agenda book. This is only for volunteer hours for in-school related activities. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. Any questions, please see Ms. Chow in the office. Forms can also be picked up in the school office.

Career Education

CLE 10 Mock Job Interviews

On Thursday morning, we hosted our annual Mock Job Interview Event, providing an invaluable learning experience for our CLE 10 students. Local businesses, community organizations, and parent volunteers generously participated, conducting mock interviews to help students practice their employability skills.

In CLE 10, students focus on developing essential skills such as resume and cover letter writing, as well as preparing for interviews. The Mock Job Interview event is a fantastic opportunity for them to apply what they've learned in a real-world setting.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the community members and parent volunteers who donated their time to interview nearly 300 students. Their support is greatly appreciated and plays a key role in helping our students build confidence and skills for their future careers.

Local Businesses and Community Organizations:

Jamie Phillips (Pedalheads)
Kendall Bailey (Pedalheads)
Liam Mumford (Rangers Soccer)
Kelly Quinn (Nurse Next Door)
Allison Lee (Nurse Next Door)

Carrie Olsen (Stongs Grocery Store, Dunbar Location)
Wilmero Bandiola (Shoppers Drugmart, Dunbar Location)

Becky Tinsley (Van Dusen Gardens)
Vanna Nguyen (Dunbar Community Centre)
Emma Forgie (Vancouver Maritimes Museum)

Parent Volunteers:

Michael Yang
Aviva Lacterman
Kat Oghigian
Helen Guo
Qian Wang

School Parking Lot

Dear Parents and Students,

Parents and students should not be in the parking lot during school hours. This pertains to both in and out of the car. Also, reminder below:

Due to a serious safety issue, we are asking all parents to:

- please do not park on Wallace Street
- please do not drive through the staff parking lot
- please do not use the drive through at the Lord Byng front entrance

If you need to drop off your child, please consider doing so a few blocks away. We appreciate your cooperation in making sure that the safety of your child is of the utmost importance to us.

VSBC Summer Learning 2025



Secondary Program Registration Begins April 30th 2025, at noon.

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5211/summer-learning>
<https://summerreg.vsb.bc.ca/>

Immunization Clinic – Tuesday, May 6th

There will be an immunization clinic on the morning of Tuesday, May 6th in the lower cafeteria for students who received immunization consent forms from VCH. Students were given consent forms in their class. Please return all signed consent forms to the school office as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please email our school nurse Kylie Dawson at the Pacific Spirit Community Health Centre. Email: kylie.dawson@vch.ca

Byng Families Spring Bicycle Donation Request

If your family has a bicycle that has gathered dust or needs a new home, Lord Byng would love to have it! For the last 5 years, Byng has repaired and maintained dozens of bikes, many of which are used in Physical Education Classes, and for class bike rides in Pacific Spirit Park. We have also donated many bikes to the non-profit organization, Our Community Bikes, which then donates them to people facing financial hardship. We have also donated bikes to Byrne Creek Secondary in Burnaby, which has a student body with many refugees who are appreciative of donations, including for their Bike Mechanics Club.

We are hoping to acquire another 30 or more bicycles from you to encourage teachers and students to learn more outside, to be environmentally sustainable, and to exercise. No problem if your bike needs repair! Our dedicated Bike Mechanics Club can repair and maintain virtually all bikes donated to us! However, we do ask for bikes that are only big enough for high school students. No kids bikes please.

Contact teacher Alain Raoul (araoul@vsb.bc.ca) if you have a bike to donate so that we can arrange pick up in the staff parking lot at your convenience.

Thank you for considering this worthy contribution to the Byng community!

Byng Athletics

Track and Field

Calling all grade 8's!

The Track and Field team is looking for grade 8's to join. We are hoping to win our 12th City Championship in 15 years! But we can't do it without you! So far, very few grade 8's have signed up. Track and Field is a fun and inclusive sport with close to 100 members each year. We don't make cuts (everyone makes the team). You can choose short sprints, longer running, hurdles, relays, race walk, jumping or throwing.

Track and Field is excellent for your fitness, mental health, and development of strength, power, speed, flexibility, agility, coordination, and jumping ability. It will help you to advance in other sports, to bond with other students, and to have fun.

We have two qualifying meets (athletes have to do their chosen events to advance to the City Finals). Three to five practices are offered each week, but athletes are only expected to come out once or twice per week. A student can take part in track and field and another school sport at the same time. Athletic points are scored for each school sport that an athlete does and awards are given at the end of the year for top point scorers. Participation in school sports can help with one's CV, lead to scholarships, and help with admission into university. The Lord Byng team often travels to exciting places for training and competition.

We will meet next Tuesday at lunch in the small gym. Grade 8's who attend the meeting will receive a prize!

League Meet Schedule: [event_start_times_2025.xlsx](#)

Please contact Mr. Jack for more details.

Meeting Mondays:

The team will meet every Monday during the season. "Meeting Mondays" take place at lunch, usually in the Main Gym.

*Everyone is welcome to join track and field. We do not cut anyone from the team!

Student Excused Absences Procedure -Update

When a student is ill, or away for an excused reason, a parent/guardian must email the school at byngabsences@vsb.bc.ca. Cutoff for each day is 2pm. If we receive your email after 2pm we will record your child's absence the next day.

To avoid confusion due to the block flip, when reporting a partial day absence please report for what period of time your child will be away instead of which period they will be missing.

IMPORTANT: We can only excuse students' absences in MyEd from emails received from the parents' email address not the student's email address.

Please state your child's:

Full Name (first and last name)
Student Number
Grade
Date(s) of Absence
Reason of Absence
Duration of Absence: please indicate if this is a full day absence or for what period of time your child will be away
Copy to teachers so they are aware – email addresses located on school website

Student Verification Forms – Important UPDATE

We have updated the information from the verification forms that we have received. Please confirm that the information in MyEd BC is accurate (home address, emails, emergency contacts and numbers).

We have also encountered difficulty reaching parent guardians when a student has been ill. Please ensure that we have a contact number for emergency situations. The school needs current up to date information.

Grade 12's will be mailed their dogwood certificate in the summer so it's very important that their home address is current on MyEd BC. If an address needs to be updated, please let the school office know.

VSB Consent Forms – Please complete ALL FORMS

Consent forms are now online <https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca>; enter your child's PEN and birthdate; accept the consent for each of the forms; **not** accepting or completing implies decline.

Please complete ALL forms:

Adobe CC Acknowledgement of Use (for students)
Adobe CC Consent (for parents/guardians)
Canada Anti-Spam Legislation Consent
External Media Consent
G4-12 Student AUP
Neighbourhood Class Walk Consent
VSB Media Consent
Yearbook Media Consent

Elevator Use for Students with Mobility Issues

Students experiencing mobility issues should come to the office for an elevator key.

School Calendar / Bell Schedules / Collaborative Days

[2024-2025 School Calendar](#)

[Bell Schedule/Collaborative Day](#)

Counselling Update

Counselling Staff

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Summer School

Summer school info is now available: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5211/summer-learning>

STS/BCeID

Grade 11s and 12s students need to register for BCeID [Register for BCeID](#). Once they have their BCeID, they can log into sts website, and access their transcript, see their provincial exam results, etc. All grade 12 students have been instructed to use STS for sending their transcript to in province and out of province post-secondary institutions ([STS login](#)).

Scholarships

Here is some scholarship info: Where Can I Look for Scholarships. This document was shared with grade 11s and 12s on Counselling Teams. Please see [link](#). Also, our Counselling Teams continues to advertise many scholarships on Grade 12 teams page.

Counselling Teams

Counselling teams are now up and running. Please if you are a new student, let your counsellor know and ask them to add you to our Counselling Teams group. This is where we post a lot of information regarding: post-secondary school options, scholarships, extra-curricular opportunities, mental health resources, and work opportunities, to name a few. Each grade has their own Counselling Teams, eg. Grade 12 2024/25 (Counselling), Grade 11 2024/25 (Counselling), and so on...

PAC News

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NEXT PAC Meeting: Apr. 30 at 7pm

The Apr. PAC Meeting will be held **in-person** in an exciting new venue, [Paul Kyle Gallery](#), Apr. 30, 7pm. Address: 258 E 1st Ave Unit 4, Vancouver, BC V5T 1A6.

- Please RSVP <https://forms.gle/4uuUdQqr4UtvA3ep8>

PAC Continental Breakfast

Request for Donations – LB 100th Anniversary Celebration

Opening Breakfast hosted by PAC on May 10, 2025

As we prepare to celebrate our school's 100th Anniversary, the PAC (parents advisory council) is planning a special Breakfast Celebration for alumni, students, staff, and families who attend — and we would love your help!

We are seeking donations in kind to support this event, such as:

- Grocery store gift cards (e.g., Costco, Superstore, No Frills)
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Your generosity will help make this once-in-a-lifetime, milestone event a warm and memorable one for our whole school community. It will create a wonderful welcoming and meaningful beginning, to the entire day of celebrations!

If you're able to contribute, please contact Fiona Shaw at +1 (604) 315-8394. We truly appreciate your support!

Other ways to help: Volunteering!

Join PAC and help with LB 100th celebration with the **PAC Continental Breakfast** from 11 to noon on May 10, Saturday.

Details and sign up for volunteers, please see this document [100th Anniversary PAC Continental Breakfast](#). **We need your support!**



JOIN THE PAC EMAIL LIST

The PAC sends out monthly PAC newsletters with important information for the parents and guardians. Please use this QR code to sign up for our newsletter or **visit our website** <https://www.lordbyngpac.com/> to the **subscribe link**: <https://lordbyngpac.us14.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=af85d7bc4fcc7ac2d125c476c&id=df1ad1ae5c>

—Fundraising & Event Organization Committee—

Fundraising & Event Organization Committee: all PAC members are in this committee.

We encourage **long-term volunteers** to join our committee, please register to join us with this form:

<https://forms.gle/aodKd111ka4jM4k9A>. **Long term volunteers gathering on 2pm April 22th**

1. **Preventing Vaping Workshop preparation:** Education and Strategies for Parents at Home
2. **Upcoming school events brainstorming**

Please contact PAC Co-chair **May Lee** at Maylca808@gmail.com for more detail.

Fundraising Initiatives: The PAC can get rebates on gift cards purchases from the following vendors.

- **SunGiven (元初)** - Please fill out the [ORDER FORM](#) and follow the instruction and make your payment for the gift card.
- **Stongs Market**- shop online at www.stongs.com, and **select Lord Byng Secondary At checkout** under "Select the school for our rebate program" .

Save on food and **Safeway** gift cards will officially launch in early 2025. Please stay tuned.

If you have any questions or if you have any other Grocery Card rebate program, feel free to send us email at lbpacgiftcards@gmail.com

~~ Inclusion and Diversity Committee ~~

PAC Inclusion and Diversity Committee - PAC has a space for discussing issues related to inclusion and diversity at Byng. Please contact PAC Co Chair Jacqueline Crummey j.crummey@icloud.com (Email and WhatsApp group) or by message 778-788-2585.

- Inclusion and Diversity Committee share this Byng student project with you.



- The Inclusion and Diversity Committee strongly urge you to consider supporting the **VSBC Budget Letter**. See below under DPAC committee info.

Every child deserves access to a learning environment that is safe, supportive, and responsive to their individual needs. Yet, it is clear that current funding levels are not meeting the realities faced by many students—especially those with disabilities, learning differences, and complex support needs. These students deserve the same opportunities as their peers, and that begins with properly funded frontline staff, specialists, and in-class support.

Public education is a cornerstone of an equitable society, and we have a collective responsibility to ensure all students can thrive. The Board's commitment to inclusive education must be matched by real, tangible investment in the people and services that make this possible. When we invest in inclusion, we invest in the success and well-being of every child.

~~DPAC Committee INFO~~

URGENT: VSBC Budget Letter Campaign – Sign and Share by April 25, 2025 Please see [DPAC Info](#) for more information.
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<https://www.vancouverdpac.org/urgent-vsbc-budget-letter-campaign-sign-and-share-by-april-18-2025/>

Deadline is April 25th We need strong support for increased and sustained funding for inclusive education in the 2025/2026 budget. Please show your support using the link above!

Please see other important updated DPAC information shared by DPAC chair here [DPAC News Update Document.docx](#)

DPAC representatives: Cindy cgroner18@gmail.com Nora noradyng@hotmail.com

~~GRAD 2025 Committee INFO~~

With Graduation just a few months away, the grad committee has started sending out important information regarding graduation events and ticket sales. **PLEASE** check your email and junk mail to ensure you are receiving them. All Grad 2025 event information can be found on the Lord Byng PAC website too. To stay up to date, if you have not done so already, please provide your contact information by clicking the following link: <https://forms.gle/8SMzfCdFfun3Kmba6>

GRAD FUNDRAISERS:

The Graduation direct drive letter was sent out one last time to all grade 12 parents/guardians last week, thank you to all who donated in helping the class of 2025! A BIG thank you to all our fundraisers and donors!

You can also reach out to the grad committee at bynggradcommittee2025@gmail.com for any information if needed.

GRAD DATES and LOCATIONS:

- **GRADUATION CEREMONY** - UBC Chan Centre - FRIDAY, June 6, 2025 - 3pm -7pm
- **GRAD RECEPTION AND DANCE** - The Nest UBC - SATURDAY, June 14, 2025 - 6:30pm-10:30pm

~~ BYNG ARTS PARENTS INFO ~~

BYNG ARTS PARENTS GROUP – Byng has a [Byng Arts Parents Group](https://www.lordbyngpac.com/byng-arts-parents) and a Byng Arts PAC subcommittee. Please join! <https://www.lordbyngpac.com/byng-arts-parents>. Stay connected on WhatsApp. Join the "All Parents" and the subgroup you belong to <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LebbGtgRocv31UU1OA0w38>.

~~CHINESE PARENT SUPPORT INFORMATION~~

每周学校新闻的中文版和中文播报将更新在PAC 官网上

PAC 邮箱接受中文邮件，说中文的家长可以将他们的问题或者疑虑发中文邮件到lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com

Upcoming PAC meetings (all at 7pm): Jan 22, 2025, Mar 05 19, 2025, April 30, 2025, May 21, 2025. For any PAC-related questions or concerns please email us at lordbyngschoolpac@gmail.com or visit <https://www.lordbyngpac.com/>

Wednesday Morning Walks - For parents/guardians who want to enjoy nature while making new connections in the Byng community, please join us for our Wednesday 9 am walks.. Meet near the front entrance (W. 16th Ave). Please email to Nora at noradyng@hotmail.com

We look forward to connecting with you! - Lord Byng PAC

Arts Info

To Tea or Not to Tea? Coffee House – April 24th

Next Coffee House - Date: April 24th, after school. To Tea or Not To Tea (Poetry Themed)

- Auditions: Monday, April 14th (Afterschool), Tuesday, April 15th (FIT)

- Sign up for auditions with the form below:

<https://forms.gle/zLrHjvsnp6SN2Vh98>

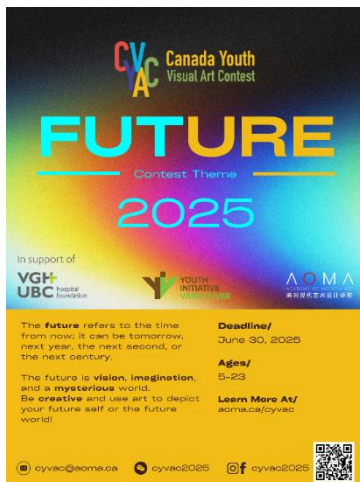
Upcoming Art Performances at Byng

Thurs. April 17 - LBSO Concert – 6:30pm

🎨 Calling All Young Artists! Turn Your Creativity into Compassion! 🌍

Art for Earth Environmental Art Youth Club invites all students to use their artistic talents to support meaningful causes and bring warmth to our communities. By participating in the art competitions themed **“Future”** and **“Connection”** organized by our local art charitable organizations, and donating your work for charity auctions, you can help raise funds for our local hospitals and patients in need. This is your chance to be more than an artist — be a changemaker. 🎨 ✨ This is your chance to be more than an artist — be a changemaker. Let your brush speak for those in need, and use your creativity to spread hope, kindness, and healing. 🖌️ ❤️

Submit your artwork today and be part of something truly impactful.



Some Assembly Theatre Company Presents: Our Last Tree – May 2 & 3



May 2nd and 3rd, starting at 7:30 PM at the Roundhouse Performance Centre.

Tickets can be purchased at <https://someassembly.ca/>.

Summer Programs in Toronto at OCUAD

International Summer Program in Art & Design

Monday, July 7 to Friday, July 25, 2025

Join us for a **three-week, in-person studio experience**, designed for high school students and youth wanting to visit and create in Toronto, Canada.

Deadline: June 4, 2025 **Info Session:** April 10 at 8:00am ET, [register here.](#)

More Info: [2025 ISADR Application Form](#)

2025 Summer Workshops

July 7 to July 11

July 14 to July 18

July 21 to July 25

Encourage your students to spend five days inside our main campus studios, learning from our faculty and creating portfolio-ready work.

Info Session: April 17 at 5:00pm ET, [register here.](#)

Find out more: [Summer Workshops](#)

Byng Arts

New Applicants to the Program

<https://byng2.vsb.bc.ca/byngarts/>

Welcome to all our new applicants. We have completed our steps for Grade 8 and will continue to monitor Grades 9 to 12. We will reach out to students on the waitlist if things open up further.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Email the coordinator, Jon Hartley-Folz at byngarts@vsb.bc.ca if you have additional questions.

Byng Arts Passport

<http://passport.lordbyng.net/>




Keep going with your interactions with the arts.

The next tally will be done at the end of May (seven new events are expected for this submission for a minimum of 14 unlocked events).

Your events contribute to group House points. Our current leader is Hepburn House, but for how long?

If you need assistance with your Passport, please book an appointment with Mr. Hartley-Folz during FIT.

Here are some new opportunities to unlock:

To Tea or Not to Tea?	Events	Spring Music Performance	Music	Gaia	General
 <p>Life is like a cup of tea.</p>	Our next Coffee House is April 24, afterschool in the Gallery Foyer. Music, Bingo, Treats, Poetry and Iced Tea.		You attended a concert or performed as part of one of our ensembles (Band, Choir, Strings) during April and May.		Unlock your badges for April by going to a show, participating in a performance, and other art activities that help you grow as an artist.

BYNG ARTS Parent Group – Link: [Byng Arts Parents Group](#)

Byng Arts has a strong parent group, and they are reaching out to connect with other Byng Arts Parents. Thank you to everyone who has signed up already.

If you haven't done so, please use this [link](#) to join the Byng Arts email list OR see the Byng Arts section of the PAC website for information on how to join and get involved.

Student Council Info

Student council meets every Thursdays in room A223. Everyone is welcome. We will post updates on TEAMS and Instagram ([@byngartstudentcouncil](#))

Meeting Notes

Next Coffee House - Date: April 24th, after school. To Tea or Not To Tea (Poetry Themed)

- Ice Tea
- Lemon Squares
- Decorations Under the Poet -Tree

Wednesday, May 28th Byng Arts Alumni Reception ahead of Hadestown. This is part of our 25th Anniversary celebration. There will be access to the Senior Art show and finger food. Volunteers will be needed.

Crew neck Merch is in process

Contact Mr. Hartley-Folz if you have any Byng Arts questions (jhartley@vsb.bc.ca)